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Growing up in Valdosta, Georgia, my mother and grandfather, who both served in the military, encouraged the idea of public service; it was always a part of my life. I had dreams of becoming a cardiologist but didn't fare well majoring in biology. I decided to take an international relations class which is where I first learned about the U.S. Department of State. This inspired me to apply for an internship and I spent a summer working in the embassy in Fiji. After this experience, I decided to pursue a career as a Foreign Service Officer.

I entered the Foreign Service through the Pickering Fellowship program. Now, after seven months of intensive Spanish language training, I'm ready to work as a Consular Officer in Central America. I'm ready to contribute my skills, and learn new ones, as I represent my country overseas.

For anyone who wants an amazing public service career, where you get to explain U.S. foreign policy and experience other cultures, the Foreign Service is it.

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